



Assessment Notes...

From the Standards and Assessment Division

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Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR)

Correcting 2001 Data

Districts are reminded that the last day to submit any corrections in school-by-school 2001 enrollment data, submitted as part of the required Stanford 9 and California Standards Test Apportionment package, is September 28, 2001. Corrections received after this date will not be processed.

District STAR coordinators are to contact Jim Overturf at the California STAR Service Center (1-888-782-7882 ext. 6140) no later than September 28 if corrections are needed for any demographic data. Districts are responsible for supplying correct data files and paying all costs associated with the data corrections. No changes may be made in the non-standard accommodations used on the spring 2001 tests.

Governor's Scholars Program

Districts will receive student lists, congratulatory letters for students, and student claim forms for the 2001 Governor's Scholars Program awards in January 2002. Requirements for student eligibility for the 2002 awards should be finalized by late October.

2002 Data Verification Forms

District STAR coordinators should begin collecting the data that will be needed to order 2002 testing materials when the 2002 Data Verification Forms arrive in mid-to-late October. Since the number of tests ordered for each school and grade are used as the initial calculation of the percentage of student tested, it is essential that the orders reflect each school's enrollment as accurately as possible. Coordinators need to incorporate the following changes for 2002 into their planning:

- An answer document (test booklet for grades 2 and 3 and answer folder for grades 4 through 11) will be submitted for every student enrolled in each school on the first day of testing. This

includes students exempt from testing by parent request, students who are absent for both regular and make-up testing, and students with disabilities who are assessed with alternate assessments.

- All students in grades 8 and 9 will be required to take a California Mathematics Standards Test. Students who are not in standards-based math classes that are discipline specific will be given a new General Mathematics test.
- All students in grades 9 through 11 who will have completed Algebra II, 3rd Year Integrated Mathematics or any higher mathematics course before the 2002 STAR test administration will be required to take the California High School Mathematics Standards Test.

Planning for Pre-Identification of Answer Documents

There are some changes in student demographic data collected for students for the 2002 test.

- Special education programs will no longer be collected.
- The three-digit primary disability code will be collected for students receiving special education services.
- Coding has been added to indicate if students in alternative schools were enrolled less than 90 days when tested.
- Bosnian has been added to the language codes, and Croatian and Serbian were deleted.

For More Information...

For more information about STAR or other state assessments, contact the Standards and Assessment Division of the California Department of Education at (916) 657-3011 (phone), at (916) 657-4964 (fax), at STAR@cde.ca.gov (e-mail), or at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests> (Internet). Your questions will be directed to the appropriate person.